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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:


- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-27	YES
	Claims	none	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-27	YES
	Claims	none	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-27	YES
	Claims	none	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

The following documents identified in the International Search Report have been considered for this report:

D1 : JP 2002-19047 A (Kanegafuchi Chem. Ind. Co., Ltd.) 22 January 2002

D2 : JP 2003-64215 A (Kayama Yoshitoshi) 05 March 2003

Claims 1-27 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest any of the embodiments as specifically set forth in the claims.

The invention described in independent claims 1 and 22 relates to a crosslinked foam which has an inner-cavity structure, and a process of forming the same.

Comparing claims 1 and 22 with D1-D2, the subject matter of these claims differs from the teachings of D1-D2 in that it includes an inner-cavity structure of an arbitrarily shaped surface. According to the present invention, the density of the molded body can be differentiated depending on the portions and the manufacture of a molded body having various characteristics and functions can be possible with the only one step of expanding.

Therefore, the subject matter of independent claims 1 and 22 is considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step; consequently, the subject matter of dependent claims 2-21, 23-27 is also novel and inventive.

Claims 1-27 meet the criteria of PCT Article 33(4), IA, because the invention is industrially applicable.